(ख) यदि हां, तो किन-किन विषयों पर सरकार से कार्रवाई करने का अनुरोध किया गया था;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने ज्ञापन में किए गए सभी अनुरोधों को लागू करने का निर्णय लिया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो किन अनुरोधों को लागू किया जाएगा और कब तक?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) अभी तक ऐसा कोई ज्ञापन प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

(ख) से (घ) उपर्युक्त (क) के उत्तर को देखते हुए और ब्यौरे उपलब्ध न होने के कारण अभी आगे कोई उत्तर देना संभव नहीं है।

Displaced Reangs in Mizoram

857. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of Reangs have been displaced from Mizoram, basically for religious reasons; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to provide security and freedom of religion for the Reang tribe?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) An estimated 35995 Reangs have left Mizoram during the period October/ November, 1997 to December, 1998 in the wake of ethnic tension with the Mizos.

(b) The Central Government is keen on ensuring early return of the displaced Reangs to Mizoram. This has been taken up with the Government of Mizoram. Government of Mizoram has assured proper security, speedy development of their area in Mizoram and financial assistance for their rehabilitation. An inquiry into the allegations of excess commited upon them has also been offered.

The Central Government has been providing financial assistance to Government of Tripura towards maintenance of these displaced Reangs.

Threat to Religious Minorities

858. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the religious minorities are under constant threat from certain elements in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to protect the minorities and their constitutional rights?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Some incidents of attacks on members of a minority community have been reported from a few States. However, situation has been controlled due to effective action taken by the concerned State Governments. Since 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects, the responsibility to provide protection to the minorities and their institutions is of the concerned State Government/UT Administration. The Central Government has been sharing inteligence in this regard with them and also providing central para military forces according to requirement. The Central Government has also constituted a special Force i.e., Rapid Action Force, for controlling communal situations. In addition, advisories and guidelines are also issued to the State Governments/UT Administrations for time to time.

Central Team For Probe into Christmas Eve Violence

859. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central teams sent for a probe into the Christmas eve-violence in Gujarat, had neither visited the affected areas, missions and institutions, nor met the victims of violence;

(b) if so, the details of the report submitted by the team; and

(c) Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) A Central team was deputed to Gujarat to interact with senior State Government functionaries in connection with the situation arising out of reported attacks on Christians and their institutions and to ascertain steps taken by the State authorities to control the situation. The Central Team recommended several measures to control the situation including measures to create confidence in the minority community and to ensure communal harmony. Based on the report of the Central Team, appropriate action has been taken.

Infiltration through West Bengal Borders

860. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether infiltration at alarming rates are going on through borders of West Bengal;

(b) whether the West Bengal Government has decided to fence 900Kms. of porous border with Bangladesh, to check infiltrations; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to grant Central fund for curbing such ISI activities, high migration threatening the State's economy?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) The Government of West Bengal has filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court in Writ Petition No. 125/98 filed by All India Lawyer's Forum for Civil Liberties. In this Affidavit the Government of West Bengal has admitted that over 10.24 lakh Bangladeshi nationals have overstayed after expiry of visa and the number of Bangladeshi nationals who have entered without valid documents is likely to be much higher.

(b) and (c) Fencing of 507 Kms. of West Bengal-Bangladesh border has already been approved by the Central Government out of which 463 kms. fence has been erected upto the end of December, 1998. An additional 889 kms. of fencing on West Bengal-Bangladesh border has also been approved in principle.

Upto 31 December, 1998, a sum of Rs. 430.40 crores has been spent by the Central Government for construction of border roads/border fencing on the West Bengal border.

Border Areas Development Programme was extended to West Bengal during the 8th Plan from 1993-94 onwards with an objective of balanced development of sensitive areas through provision of infrastructure facilities and promotion of a sense of security among the population. The Planning Commission has allocated funds amounting to Rs. 12342.22 lakhs under the programme to West Bengal upto 1998-99.

Anti-India Material Printed by ISI

861. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) is printing in Uttar Pradesh copies of Book containing anti-India speeches and smuggling them into the Jammu and Kashmir valley to indoctrinate the Kashmiri youths;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure stoppage of supply of such propaganda material and save the youths of the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) According to available information, a book titled "Sang-e-meel" was written, published and printed in Uttar Pradesh